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FUTURE DATES

- Dec. 1. Trinity Med Dinner. " 1. Trinity University Dance. " 2. Varsity-Trinity Debate at Trinity. " 2. Victoria Conversat. " 3. McMaster-Osgoode Debate at Osgoode. " 8. University Meds' Dinner. " 9. Dentals "At Home." " 9. Knox-Victoria Debate at Victoria. " 10. Class '02 Reception. " 13. Ladies' Glee Club Concert. " 16. University Dinner. " 16. Knox "At Home."

Heard in the Halls.

R. Davidson, '99, spent the holidays at his home in Galt. H. D. Graham, '00, went to London upon a tour of inspection. Mr. Brebner spent the Thanksgiving season at Sarnia. B. A. Cohoe, B.A., spent the 26th in Hamilton. Miss C. C. Crane, '98, was a visitor at Varsity last week. Tom Battle, B.A., '97, is with Foy & Kelly, Barristers. J. B. MacCallum, B.A., '96, is studying medicine at Johns Hopkins. Miss M. Octavia Eastwood, B.A., '96, spent Thanksgiving day in town. Miss F. M. Webb, B.A., '98, is spending the winter at her home in Brighton. Lorn Allan and T. A. Russell have been in a Brown study for the past week or so. W. S. Dakin, '99, and F. E. Brown, '00, spent Thanksgiving at their homes in Galt. D. E. Kilgour and W. H. Alexander spent the 26th at Guelph playing golf and other games. Class '00 will hold a reception at University College, Saturday afternoon of this week. Miss M. M. Stovel, '98, is now assistant editor of the women's department of a Minneapolis daily. The first match in the first round of the Mulock Cup series went by default to St. Michael's College. F. R. Smith, '99, Arts, was present at the Canadian-American football game at Buffalo, Thanksgiving. Miss N. Cleary, '99 Arts, and Mr. E. A. Cleary, '99 Arts, spent the holidays at their home in Windsor. Roy Stovell has returned from British Columbia, where he has been engaged in mining since the spring. J. L. R. Parsons, B.A., '97, has decided to follow a business career, and is at present actively engaged down town. Misses Alexander, Anderson, Cleary, Dennis and L. K. White spent Thanksgiving at their respective homes. Miss L. K. White, '99, and Miss B. E. Wright, '02, were among the lady undergrads who spent the holiday season at home. W. A. Charlton, '99 Arts, has decided to discontinue his work at Varsity. He leaves in a few days for the North lumbering camps. Miss Maude Dack, formerly of '99 Arts, was married last week to Mr. Joseph Dilla-bough, a member of the staff of the Chicago Tribune. "Jack" Parry, '99 Arts, is undecided whether to take up his medicine next year at Varsity or Johns Hopkins. Stay with Varsity, Jack. At a meeting of the Varsity team, November 30th, Jack Meredith was elected manager for next year, and Thrift Burnside captain. Burnside was unable to accept the position at the meeting, and his answer will not be definitely given for a day or two.

"Andy" J. Morrison, B.A. (Queen's), formerly of Varsity, had his leg broken while playing football at the Ontario Normal College, Hamilton. The meeting of Varsity base-ball club which was announced for Wednesday of this week, was postponed until Wednesday, December 7th. Varsity is well represented on the teaching staff of Bishop Ridley College by W. B. Hendry, '95, W. A. Kirkwood, '95, A. F. Barr, '96 and C. M. Keys, '97. W. M. Dickson, B.A., '97, came down St. Marys to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. It was a matter of keen regret with him that he could not stay for the Rugby game. At the Modern Language Club meeting next Monday afternoon, Miss Sealey, '99, will read a paper on "Hauptman," and Miss Abner, '01, will read a German essay. H. L. Staebler, of Berlin, formerly '97, was another of the many ex-Varsity men who assisted the W.F.A. to rally their victory over the Intercollege Association. It is rumored that a certain keen undergraduate makes a profitable investment of his spare time by collecting the golf balls which the Faculty lose in such lavish profusion. A. E. Fisher, B.A., '98 (Piscis), has after considerable patient angling, at length fallen a victim to the piscatorial skill of the editor. He was found sporting in the shallows of the School of Pedagogy, Hamilton. Mr. Robert C. Dunbar of the Globe, and formerly of Varsity, was married last Wednesday to Miss Mary E. Mathews of Port Colborne, well known in Toronto as an elocutionist and teacher of physical culture. J. M. McKinley, B.A., '98, ex-captain of Varsity's association team, came down from Hamilton, where he is attending the Normal College, to play centre forward with W.F.A. team, and incidentally to meet a few of his friends. The many friends of E. V. Neelands of the S. P. S. will be pleased to learn that news has been received of Nivins' surveying party, which was five weeks overdue. This party was engaged in running a line from Lake Huron to Georgian Bay. The Harbord Old Boys' Club will hold their second annual dinner at Webb's this year, on the evening of Dec. 1st. Every "old boy" is expected to attend. Tickets (\$1), may be obtained from Mr. Bain, B.A. Sc., of S.P.S., from the secretary of the club, E. F. Burton, '01, University College, or from any of the committee. Lieutenant "Stonewall" Jackson, of the Huron 33rd Battalion, journeyed with the W. L. A. team in its triumphal march on Thanksgiving Day. Stoney lingered in town as long as his ticket would allow, but was constrained to leave Monday for Seaford, where he studies law, cultivates matters military and athletic, and has a general snap. The Victoria University Conversat will be held Friday evening of this week. Various committees have been working for some days past, and there is no doubt but old Vic will entertain her friends in her usual elaborate manner. Among the artists who will take part in the concert are Miss Lola Ronan, Miss Jessie Alexander and Mr. Harold Jarvis. The Victoria University Mandolin and Guitar Club will give a concert in Association Hall on Tuesday, 6th inst. The talent assisting the club will include Miss Belle Noonan, of Boston, reader; Miss Lola Ronan, Miss Flora McMurry, Miss Mae Dickinson, Mr. H. C. Cox, Mr. J. A. New-some, and Mr. J. A. Le Barge, mandolin and banjo soloist. Time works many changes. Charlie Paterson, the brilliant orator of '96, would hardly be recognized by the awe inspiring title, Rev. C. G. Paterson, B.A., of Spring-ville, Utah. "Paddy," if it be permissible to thus speak evil of dignities, graduated in divinity at San Anselmo, Cal., in the spring of the year, and after establishing himself in a suitable field for his labors, came east for his "own one" and vanished. "Dick" Kenny, captain of this year's Ottawa City Rugby team, will be at Varsity Medical School next fall, and will play with Varsity. The papers are full of the brilliancy displayed by Capt. Kenney in the game on Thanksgiving day against Ottawa College. Captain Kenny is only twenty years old, and was for a few years director-general of sports at Ottawa Collegiate, and is one of the most popular young men playing the game. Kenny is the greatest quarter of the year, and in a class by himself. If Capt. "Roosevelt" Kenny is not Ottawa's mayor next year, it will not be because of lack of influence or popularity in Ottawa, but simply because he wants to join Varsity's Rugby forces. Capt. Kenny thinks Varsity has brilliant prospects for next year, and they will be rosy indeed, if Richard joins the team. At her pretty home in Spadina Ave. last week Mrs. R. Ramsay Wright gave a delightful luncheon to a favored few of the Varsity girls, including the officers of the Women's Fencing Club, of which Mrs. Wright is the honorary president. Shortly after one o'clock the guests were heartily welcomed by Mrs. Wright and her sister-in-law, Miss Wright. The enjoyment was all the more intense on account of the blustering snow outside which served as an excellent contrast to the cosy, flower-scented scene within. The luncheon left nothing to be desired, and, needless to say, Mrs. Wright proved a most charming hostess. The time spent with her seeming all too short. Each guest was presented with a

fragrant bunch of California violets which, with chrysanthemums, constituted the table decorations. One especially enjoyable feature of the luncheon was the fact that Mrs. Wright had invited only Varsity girls who were well acquainted with one another—the only stranger being Miss C. Thompson of Strathroy, who was visiting Miss J. M. Johnston, '99. The kindness of Mrs. Wright was thoroughly appreciated by the following:—Misses Benson, Conlin, Darling, Hughes, Johnston, M. E. Mason, and L. K. White. In Saturday Night's Christmas appear some very fine stories. The book is this year enlarged from forty to seventy pages. Edmund E. Sheppard gives an historical episode of Guatemala, the Killing of Juan Aparicio, a narrative of the events leading up to the assassination of President Barrios last winter. This is illustrated from photographs taken on the spot, and portraits of the leading characters, only one of whom is now alive—although the intricate tragedy opened but eighteen months ago. Two Weeks Before the Mast, by Charles Lewis Shaw, is very humorous, and illustrated by R. G. Mathews of Montreal; The Colonel's Guest, by W. A. Fraser; Rebel Met Rebel, by Mack; The Rejoicing of the Stout Gentleman, by Marjory MacMurchy; Within a Year, by Lady Johnson; Love Me Love My Dog, by Mrs. J. K. Lawson; The Miller's Seal, by Octave Thanet; Christmas Fables, by W. Gurney Benham; Christmas With the Queen, by S. A. Tooley—these are all interesting and artistically illustrated. With the book are two colored plates, one showing the flag signal used in conveying to the British fleet Nelson's immortal battle call, "England expects every man to do his duty," and the other entitled "The Mystery of the Morn," of which Mr. J. W. L. Forster, the well known artist, says: "It is a compliment to Canadian taste." Had any of the Varsity undergrads put in an appearance last Tuesday evening at Osgoode Hall, to uphold, as was their duty, the debaters delegated to meet the Osgoode men, one more victory would undoubtedly have been added to the Varsity laurels. For the debate was decided by the showing of hands, which could only result in victory for the legalites, since the Varsity supporters were most decidedly in the minority. However, this forty-fifth open meeting of the Osgoode Legal and Literary Society was, as usual, a pronounced success. Shortly after eight, the program began—the committee dubiously noting the somewhat slim attendance. For it was considerably after nine before the hall began to fill. As a gentle reminder of the dance to come, an overture was played by the orchestra, after which the popular president of the society, Mr. W. D. McPherson, delivered his inaugural address. As chairman, the Hon. Mr. Justice Lister requested that no encores might be expected and he then called upon Mr. Drummond for the solo "Beautiful Eyes," which was very ably rendered. Mr. Kirkpatrick then came forward with an interesting monologue entitled "Smoke." As Justice Lister had "forgotten his other eyes," Mr. McPherson announced that the debate between Varsity and Osgoode was, "Resolved, that Canada should contribute to Imperial Defence by the maintenance of a standing army and by augmenting the navy," the affirmative being upheld by M. L. Cohen and A. H. Birmingham and the negative by J. G. O'Donoghue and J. C. Makins. Of the four, Mr. O'Donoghue was easily the best speaker, Mr. Birmingham being more of an orator. Mr. Cohen, doubtless, had many good arguments, but unfortunately they failed to penetrate into all parts of the Convocation hall, while Mr. Makins continually lost his bearings and thus encouraged his hearers in their inattention. The chairman, declaring his inability to decide the question at issue, appealed to the audience, which responded in favor of Osgoode. It was generally agreed afterwards that this mode of decision was hardly fair, but then, as someone remarked, "O'Donoghue would be sure to win any debate." The program was then continued by a solo from Miss L. M. Craig, "You ask Me why I Love," which was greatly appreciated, although Miss Craig was suffering from a severe cold. Mr. Kirkpatrick was then welcomed again in a humorous reading, after which Mr. Drummond closed Part I. by his song, "When I Awake," followed by "My Little Love." While the chairs were being cleared away for the dance, a vote of thanks to the genial chairman was proposed by E. C. Sanders, B.C.L., and seconded by T. J. McNeece, B.A., '97. It was then announced that refreshments would be served during Part II. This second part of the program consisted of fourteen dances, which were found to be all too few, as was plainly manifested by the continual demand for encores. Notwithstanding that the orchestra during the evening had been dropping an occasional note, which somewhat disconcerted the dancers, yet at one o'clock the strains of the National Anthem were heard with deep regret. The great success of the dance is due to the energetic committee, consisting of Messrs. Sanders, Bray, Goodison, Green, Jennings, McNeece, Law-larson, O'Flynn, Smith, Holmested, Armstrong and Jones, ably assisted, it is said, by J. G. S. Stanbury, B.A., '96. It was noticed that the Varsity girls were conspicuous by their absence. Misses Morrison, Kennedy and Johnston being the only representatives while Messrs. Beal, Cohen and Birmingham were the only other undergrads on hand. Dr. Wickett and Mr. Johnson, '00, the clever cartoonist, of Victoria College, were also observed among the dancers. The following graduates were present:—Messrs. Bray, Coates, Ferguson, Gould, Jennings, Jones, Johnston, McNeece, McWilliams, McGregor, Merrick, Parsons, Pearson, Scott W. A., Stanbury and Wallbridge.

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THANKSGIVING DAY

It is a question whether Thanksgiving Day as a holiday fills a very keenly felt student want. The most abandoned plug is, however, at unity for the nonce with the prodigal in the delight with which he hails this joyous season. The former pats himself complacently upon the back at the thought of opportunities improved, and feels that he can afford to take a day off without bankrupting his prospects and blighting his career, while the latter continues merrily upon his flowery path until he is suddenly brought to a halt at the thought of the husks which willy-nilly, are bound to figure on his menu card some bright May morning. There was the usual heira of students to their homes, and the inevitable complement left behind to wonder and wonder again why such a bleak, dismal, desolate day as 24th of Nov. could have been chosen as an occasion for Thanksgiving. The doings of those who had their feet under their father's table during this season, are as far past finding out as are the intricacies of a Chinese puzzle. Those who remained in town followed their several vents and succeeded in living through the day. What indigestion has done for some of them is, however, a different story. The Faculty lost more golf balls than ever. The students sampled everything that the theatre could offer to their highly developed taste. Some played and some observed football, and not a few worshipped at the shrines of their deities. All undoubtedly derived pleasure and profit from the occasion, which comes as an oasis in the desert of an undergraduate's course as prescribed by the curriculum.

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